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DETAILED ACTION

- This action is responsive to the following communication: an Amendment filed on 2/10/06.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of species I in the reply filed on 2/10/06 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the claimed communication means/step, characteristic-information acquisition means/step, and determination means/step of claims 19 & 23 is generic to the claimed means/step for transmitting test pattern, reading means/step, and calculating means/step of claims 27 to claim 29. This is not found persuasive because:

- Claims 19 & 23 are not generic to claims 27-29 because claims 19 & 23 include characteristic-information acquisition means/step and determination means/step, while claims 27-29 do not include characteristic-information acquisition means/step and determination means/step.
- Claims 19 & 23 are not generic to claims 27-29 because claims 19 & 23 do not include reading means/step and calculation means/step, while claims 27-29 include reading means/step and calculation means/step.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 27-29 directed to an invention non-elected with traverse in the reply filed on 2/10/06. Applicant is given ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the date of this letter, whichever is longer, to cancel the noted claims or take other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144). Failure to take action during this period will be treated as authorization to cancel the noted claims by Examiner's Amendment and pass the case to issue. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted since this application will be passed to issue.

The prosecution of this case is closed except for consideration of the above matter.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thierry L. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-7439. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30 AM - 6:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David K. Moore can be reached on (571)272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Thierry L. Pham

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gabriel Garcia', with a stylized, cursive script.

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